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SUBJ: DESTITUTE USC CREWMEN ON SS ROMAN EDYTHE

1. USC CREWMEN REPORTED BY TELEPHONE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 17 THAT FUNDS ARRIVED FROM AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST, AND CREW BEING PAID OFF.

2. ONE USC COM-PLAINED THAT HE WAS DOCKED FINAL WEEK'S PAY. HOWEVER, HE TOLD CONOFF WEEK AGO THAT HE HAD QUIT WORKING, AND APPARENTLY TOLD CAPTAIN SAME THING. SHIP'S LOG ENTRIES REFLECT THAT HE WAS "ON STRIKE" AS DO WITNESSES' STATEMENTS TAKEN BY CAPTAIN. SINCE THIS IS NOT U.S. FLAG VESSEL, WE DID NOT INTERVENE IN DISPUTE.

3. CREWMEN KAHN AND VON FLATERN INTEND TO RETURN TO U.S. OVERLAND. IRVAIN AND MARK CUTLER WILL PURCHASE OWN AIR PASSAGE. REPATRIATION LOAN APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN.

4. CREW (INCLUDING NON-USC'S) DREW UP STATEMENT OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST SHIP'S OPERATORS WHICH THEY INTEND TO USE FOR PUBLICITY AND TO SUPPORT LEGAL CLAIMS. AT THE LEAST, THEY CLAIM COMPANY OWES THEM REIMBURSEMENT FOR REPATRIATION EXPENSES. IF THREATENED LAWSUIT COMES TO PASS, THEY MAY REQUEST COPIES OF STATE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPPORT CASE.

5. IN WORDS OF THE CAPTAIN, "HOPEFULLY THIS NIGHTMARE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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